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THE BREAKAWAY OF WALTER YATES (PART 3)
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ANNCR: AT THE AGE OF FIFTY, A TEXAS BUSINESS MAN MADE A BOYHOOD DREAM COME TRUE. HE HAD ALWAYS WANTED TO LIVE IN THE WILDERNESS -- LIVE OFF THE LAND -- AND HE DID IT. WITH PART THREE OF THE STORY OF THE BREAKAWAY OF WALTER YATES, HERE IS ----------.

NARR: NOW HERE'S A MAN WHO IS VERY SUCCESSFUL IN HIS REAL ESTATE BUSINESS, WELL-LIKED, RESPECTED. AND HE DECIDES TO TAKE A YEAR OFF, BREAK AWAY FROM IT ALL AND GO UP TO ALASKA TO BUILD A CABIN IN THE WILDERNESS AND LIVE OFF THE LAND. THE BIG QUESTION IS --- WHY?

TAPE: CUT ONE -- YATES

(LAUGHS) "THAT IS SOMETHING PEOPLE KEEP ASKING ME. AND ABOUT THE ONLY ANSWER I CAN GIVE YOU IS MY REMEMBERING THE JUST SHEER ENCHANTMENT WITH THE WILDERNESS AND THE WILD PART OF THE COUNTRY WHEN I WAS YOUNG, AND I JUST WANTED TO RELIVE IT. AND YOU KNOW, WE ALL GET KIND OF FED UP NOW AND THEN WITH THE RAT RACE (WORKADAY COMPETITION) AND THE ASPHALT JUNGLES (BIG CITIES, AND WE WANT TO GET AWAY. AND I THINK THAT HAD A LOT TO DO WITH IT, TOO. AND I THINK IT WOULD DO US ALL GOOD -- EVEN IF IT'S JUST A FEW DAYS -- IF WE CAN JUST BREAK AWAY FROM THE THINGS THAT BOTHER US."

NARR: WALTER YATES BROKE AWAY FOR A FULL YEAR. HE HAD ALL THAT TIME ALONE TO DO A LOT OF THINKING. WHAT KIND OF THOUGHTS WERE UPPERMOST?

TAPE: CUT TWO -- YATES

"WELL, YOU JUST STOP AND IMAGINE FOR A MINUTE THE SITUATION THAT I WAS SUDDENLY THRUST INTO HERE IN POST RIVER CANYON: NO CIVILIZATION AROUND ME, NO OTHER HUMAN BEINGS. NO CONTROLS, NO RULES, NO REGULATION. AND HERE YOU ARE FREE TO DO WHATEVER YOU WANT TO. WHAT I REALLY FOUND OUT WAS THAT WE'RE SEARCHING FOR FREEDOM, BUT WHEN WE GET IT, WE MISS THE CONTROL THAT SOCIETY NEEDS UPON ONE ANOTHER (UPON ITSELF). IT'S A RELIEF TO GET AWAY FROM (THIS CONTROL), BUT STRANGELY ENOUGH, IT'S CALLING YOU BACK AND I HOPE THAT MAKES SENSE."

NARR: THERE IS NOW A PERMANENT RECORED OF WALTER YATE'S BREAKAWAY. IT IS A NINETY-MINUTE, FULL-COLOR MOTION PICTURE. THE TITLE? "BREAKAWAY", OF COURSE. THE MUSIC FOR THE FILM WAS WRITTEN BOBBY BRIDGER, A YOUNG TEXAS COMPOSER, SINGER, WRITER AND ARTIST, WHO IS CONSIDERED ONE OF THF MOST TALENTED YOUNG MEN IN TEXAS TODAY. WALTER YATES FILMED THE PICTURE HIMSELF. HOW COULD HE DO THAT IF HE WAS THERE ALL ALONE?

TAPE: CUT THREE -- YATES

"WELL, I HAD THE CAMERA RIGGED UP WITH A REMOTE CONTROL ATTACHMENT. THE CABLE ON IT WAS ABOUT THIRTY-FIVE FEET LONG. AND, FOR INSTANCE, THERE ARE A LOT OF SEQUENCES WHERE I'M BUILDING THE CABIN. I SIMPLY SET THE CAMERA UP AND FRAMED (FOCUSED, SET DISTANCE) THE SHOT THAT I WANTED. AND WHEN I GOT INTO IT -- IN ACTUAL, NORMAL, NATURAL ACTION OF CUTTING THE LOGS OR WHATEVER -- I'D SIMPLY TURN THE CAMERA ON. IT TOOK A LOT OF FILM, BUT I GOT A LOT OF GOOD, NATURAL SHOTS."

NARR: WALTER YATES DOES SOME OF THE FILM'S NARRATION HIMSELF -- INCLUDING A SEQUENCE WHERE HE CLIMBS AN APPROXIMATELY THREE THOUSAND, TWO-HUNDRED-METER MOUNTAIN TO BURY A SEALED BOTTLE CONTAINING THE WRITINGS OF HIS EXPERIENCES ON TOP OF THE MOUNTAIN. THIS SEQUENCE, HOWEVER, WAS FILMED BY A PROFESSIONAL MOTION PICTURE CREW. IT HAD TO BE. BUT ALL THE SOUNDS IN THE FILM ARE NATURAL -- NOT RECREATED. THE SOUNDS OF THE RIVER, CHOPPING WOOD, TREES FALLING, CLIMBING THE MOUNTAIN, ROCKS ROLLING AND FALLING FROM THE MOUNTAIN -- ALL OF THIS WAS RECORDED IN ITS NATURAL SOUND.

NARR: THE FILM IS ALREADY GETTING SOME RECOGNITION. IN HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, IT HAS WON THE FILM ADVISORY BOARD'S AWARD OF EXCELLENCE. AT THE TIME OF THE INTERVIEW WITH MISTER YATES, THE FILM HAD NOT YET BEEN RELEASED FOR

NARR: (CONT'D) PUBLIC SHOWING. IN ADDITION, WALTER YATES IS PLANNING A BOOK ON HIS YEAR-LONG ALASKA WILDERNESS ADVENTURE. THE TITLE, NATURALLY, WILL BE "BREAKAWAY".

WALTER YATES SAYS HE'LL BE GOING BACK TO HIS LONELY POST RIVER CABIN IN ALASKA. IN FACT, HE'S BEEN BACK FOR VISITS A FEW TIMES. BUT HE'LL GO TO STAY THERE AGAIN. SO HE HAS NO REGRETS AT ALL FOR HAVING MADE HIS BREAKAWAY.

TAPE: CUT FOUR -- YATES

"I CONSIDER MYSELF EXTREMELY FORTUNATE -- NOT ONLY FOR THIS EXPERIENCE, WHICH CERTAINLY WILL TOP ANYTHING I'LL EVER GET TO DO (AGAIN), TO BE ABLE TO HAVE THESE EXPERIENCES AND MEMORIES TO LOOK BACK ON WHEN I'M OLDER. BECAUSE WE CAN RELIVE THEM AGAIN WHEN WE'RE OLD. I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO ENJOYING MORE (EXPERIENCES), AND LOOKING FORWARD TO ENJOYING THEM LATER."

NARR: THE BREAKAWAY OF WALTER YATES -- A MAN WHO HAD THE COURAGE, THE INITIATIVE AND THE PIONEER SPIRIT TO DO WHAT MOST MEN ONLY DREAM ABOUT. SUCH A MAN IS TO BE ADMIRED -- AND ENVIED.

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